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SUBJ: SENATE ELECTION OUTLOOK IN ADANA IN WAKE ECEVIT VISIT

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1. RPP CHAIRMAN ECEVIT VISITED ADANA OCT 3 AND ADDRESSED A LIVELY, EXCITED, AND CONTINUOUSLY CHEERING CROWD WHICH FILLED TO OVERFLOW A LARGE DOWNTOWN SQUARE. LONG-TIME OBSERVORS HERE, INCLUDING MEMBERS CONSULATE STAFF, AGREE THAT CROWD WAS ONE OF LARGEST AND MOST ENTHUSIASTIC EVER TO ATTEND A POLITICAL GATHERING HERE.

2. IN AN HOUR AND A HALF-LONG SPEECH ECEVIT SAVAGELY ATTACKED THE FRONT GOVERNMENT, SINGLING OUT TURKES AND DEMIREL FOR HIS MOST

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STINGING SHOTS. SHOWING A HOLIDAY GREETING CARD PURPORTEDLY SIGNED BY TURKES, HE SAID THAT WITH THE CARD TURKES WAS ASKING HIS SUPPORTERS TO QTE SHOOT ANYBODY THAT JOINS THEM AND LATER LEAVES THEM UNQTE. WE WENT ON TO SAY THAT THIS WAS AN OPEN ENCOURAGEMENT FOR MORE MURDERS IN THE COUNTRY. THE GOVERNMENT, HE CONTINUED, WAS ONE OF MURDERERS, THIEVES AND BANDITS, AND HE WAS READY TO PROVE SO IN TURKISH COURTS.

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3. ECEVIT ALSO BITTERLY CRITICIZED THE GOVT FOR ITS SILENCE ON THE

PARTIAL LIFTING OF THE ARMS EMBARGO. HE INVITED THE GOVT TO STEP FORTH AND OPENLY DEOUNCE THE DECISION, ADDING THAT IN ADDITION TO CYPRUS NOW POPPY CULTIVATION IN TURKEY WAS AT STAKE.

4. TURNING TO A MAJOR TOPIC OF LOCAL CONCERN, ECEVIT NOTED THAT LAST YEAR'S BASIC PRICE FOR COTTON, SET BY THIS GOVT, HAD BEEN VERY HIGH AND THAT THE FARMERS HAD BEEN THE DIRECT BENEFICIARIES. ALTHOUGH THIS YEAR'S BASIC PRICE IS THE SAME, NOW THE BENEFICIARIES WOULD BE THE EXPORTERS, NOT THE FARMERS.

5. COMMENT. THE ROUSING TURNOUT HERE FOR ECEVIT REINFORCES OUR VIEWS SET FORTH IN REFTTEL. THAT IS, WE SEE THE RPP TAKING TWO OF THE FOUR SENATE SEATS WITH EASE, WHILE THE JP FIGHTS AN UP HILL BATTLE TO HOLD THE OTHER TWO. JONES

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